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RAISING SUNK SHIPS

Sea Salvage Romance Told in London.

(London Daily Mail.)
The admiralty department for the salvage of merchant ships did not exist before the war.

From January, 1915, to the end of December, 1917 it recovered 260 merchant ships sunk by the Germans in our home waters. This year to the end of May 147 ships were recovered. The increase is due to more efficient methods and not to the greater activity of the U-boats. Many of the ships salvaged were over 1,200 tons.

One salvage vessel was torpedoed while engaged on a wreck. Work which has taken days to perform is sometimes swept away by a heavy sea. Men have lost their lives from gases which have been formed by rotting cargoes in the holds of sunken vessels. Gases from bad grain sometimes included sulphuretted hydrogen, which caused semiblindness and violent sickness until a chemist discovered a process for making these gases harmless.

A brilliant achievement was a lifting of a large collier, partly filled with coal, sunk in 72 feet of water and blocking an important channel and anchorage. It meant a dead lift of 3,500 tons, and the difficulties were increased by the fact that another large vessel had sunk on top of the wreck, forcing the hull deeper into the sea bed. Four lifting vessels, with sixteen wire ropes three inches thick, were engaged. Divers sealed up part of the wreck. Successive lifts with the aid of the tide, patching by divers, and much pumping, enabled the vessel to be gradually dragged so that she was high and dry at low water. She was required in port and made many trips until her career was ended by an enemy torpedo.

A ship has been raised by compressed air from a depth of 90 feet. No cargo can be raised from a depth of over 120 feet, as at this depth the pneumatic tools used for cutting and drilling the ship's side refuse to work. Another feat was the salvaging of our largest oil-tank steamer, which, with a cargo of benzine, was mined and caught fire. Salvage vessels rushing to the rescue fired forty shots into the vessel's hull to sink her and put the flames out. While the tugs were alongside an explosion occurred, but the ship was successfully raised and repaired.

Recently a 14,000-ton ship, valued with her cargo of foodstuffs, at \$3,500,000, was torpedoed in deep water, but was taken in tow by a rescue tug which got her into shallow water before she sank. By means of electric pumps, which were placed by divers in the stokeholds, and the sealing of the hatches, the ship was drawn farther and farther on the beach, the cargo meanwhile being removed, deck by deck. By means of moved, deck by deck. A hole 40 by

28 feet was then patched and the ship towed to a repairing port. The new pump, dropped overboard into the sunken ship and connected with the salvage vessel by an electric cable, will lift water 75 to 80 feet against the 28-foot lift of the ordinary plunger or rotary pump. Many ships have been saved solely by the use of this pump.

START IS MADE ON WAR CHEST PROPOSITION

Rotary Club Takes the Matter in Hand and Appoints Committee on Details.

At a meeting of the local Rotary club Thursday afternoon approval of the "war chest" idea was voted when a committee was appointed to consider the plan and submit recommendations. The committee consist of James Finlay, F. L. Underwood, Richard Hardy, Newell Sanders, Mercer Reynolds, R. C. Jones, E. D. Reed, Doug Gilman, J. C. Bishop, Will Schwartz and H. C. Adler.

After explaining the plan, and telling of its advantages in reducing the labor of solicitors and effecting a full war chest for a period of a year, or better, for the duration of the war, in one gigantic transaction, Mr. Finlay suggested that it be handled or rather sponsored by the board of governors of the chamber of commerce or the council of defense.

Mr. Finlay recommended that the idea be extensively advertised, and that deposits be distributed equally among all banks of the city, that a card index system be employed, and that the soliciting be done in accordance, possibly with the registration plan successfully carried out by Nashville in its recent thrift stamp drive. He also recommended that a resolution be passed asking the board of directors of the chamber of commerce go thoroughly into the plan and recommend it to the people.

AMERICANS IN FRANCE ARE ONLY VANGUARD

(Associated Press.)
Paris, July 12. (Havas Agency).—A message from Secretary of the Navy Daniel published in the Matin says that France and the United States, united by historical friendship have become still more closely bound together in the formidable struggle against autocracy. The secretary declares that hundreds of thousands of Americans already in France are only the vanguards of the army that will follow on the charge of sedition utterances, was released on her promise to appear before Judge Sanford next November.

TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF FRENCH NATION

Auto Club Arranges Parade and Speaking Program for Sunday.

Next Sunday, July 14, the French independence day will be commemorated with a big parade fittingly demonstrating Chattanooga's attitude of gratitude towards her faithful ally, according to the plans laid at Thursday night's meeting of the Chattanooga Automobile club. At that time a request from the mayor was read asking that the organization take over full charge of the celebration. This was accepted unanimously.

Of course, final arrangements have not yet been made, but the plans already formed are most elaborate. The tentative formation of the parade provides for the commanding officers of Camps Greenleaf and Forrest, with the French and English officers at the post, headed by a band, to have the place of honor, followed by the Red Cross, Godmothers' association, Junior League, Women's Service League, Sunday schools, Pastors' association, labor unions, Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A., fraternal orders and other civic organizations.

An urgent invitation has been extended to all of these organizations to participate in the parade. They have been requested to communicate with the Chattanooga Automobile club for assignment to a location where they can form for the parade. It is the desire of the club to have as many of the Sunday schools of the city as possible to be in the parade, marching in a body. These organizations are likewise requested to communicate with the Chattanooga Automobile club as to being assigned a proper place in the parade.

The parade will start at 3 p.m. from Market and Eleventh streets, probably, proceeding down Market street and to the courthouse, where speaking will be heard at 3:30, led by Mayor Littleton. Music will be furnished by the Shriner's and Camp Greenleaf bands for both the parade and the exercises at the courthouse. Patriotic songs will be sung there, including "The Marseillaise."

NOTICE

LOST—Two diamond rings Wednesday, July 10, in the washroom, 5th floor, Volunteer Bldg. one a large square diamond ring with opal center, the other a little finger ring, small diamond set platinum. Reward and no questions asked if finder will return to Mrs. J. W. Nixon, room 51, Volunteer Bldg. Phone M. 3385 or M. 650. (Adv.)

NIXON HELD TO FEDERAL JURY FOR CONCEALING SON

Young Deserter's Mother Released on Promise to Appear in Court in November.

Thomas Nixon, father of Ira Nixon, who was captured Saturday night at his home on Weiden's ridge, charged with being a deserter from the United States army, was tried Thursday afternoon before Commissioner McAllister on the charge of concealing his son and refusing to give him up when ordered to do so by the officers. He was bound over under a \$250 bond, while the wife, who was tried at the same time on the charge of sedition utterances, was released on her promise to appear before Judge Sanford next November.

On May 23 Ira Nixon received a telegram at Columbia, S. C., where he was stationed with the 31st field artillery, from his father, saying that if he wished to see his grandfather alive again he had better come to the law, at once. Upon the strength of the telegram young Nixon received a five-day pass, which expired May 28. He did not return, however, upon the expiration of the pass, saying that he was not ready to go yet.

It seemed to be a clear case of ignorance on the part of the parents and not a wilful disregard of the law. The father said that when his son refused to return to camp he did not know what to do, and that he did not know he was violating the law when he kept his son there.

BATTERY B REVIEWED BY DUKE IN ENGLAND

Robert E. Eaves Writes He Hears Mexico Has Declared War on America.

Robert E. Eaves, Jr., enlisted July 8, 1917, in battery B, it battery well remembered by this battery was camped in the gymnasium of the University of Chattanooga for two months. They could be seen lounging on the grass as people went home in the evenings, and the afternoon before they left for Camp Sevier, crowds of relatives visited them there. The same evening they were entertained at the Third Presbyterian church. It will also be remembered that they went through some hardships before leaving. They were not equipped, and many of them were without shoes, till it became generally known, and the patriotic leagues gave them blankets. Men's clubs furnished them with soap and towels and shoes. At noon they could all be seen marching down to the market house to get their dinner at the lunch counter. They left here without uniforms.

"Bob" Eaves, as he is familiarly known, was in this "crowd." He left Camp Sevier May 15, 1918, for New York, where he embarked for England, May 24. The young man worked in the Columbian Iron works while here and will not be 19 years old until November. He arrived in England June 8. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eaves, live in East Chattanooga. The following letter, published in part, has been received by the boy's mother:

"Winchester, England, June 11, 1918. "We are stationed in a rest camp and don't have to do anything but clean up and eat. We were inspected before a duke today, about five regiments; had some parade. This country surely is beautiful to live in. The cars are double-decked, and are built more like a taxicab than anything else. The streets are very narrow.

"Plenty of milk and butter and cheese in this country. Some ancient place, but suits me exactly. Only one thing worries me, and that is the difference in money. Sure is some trouble getting it changed. The English money is hard to count, but I am getting on to it now. People seem to be crazy about the U. S. A. boys. "I heard Mexico had declared war on the United States. Why, they are crazy if they have."

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